# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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SUGAR STOCKS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the huge unsold supplies and poor demand of sugar affected asian sugar prices badly;

(b) if so, whether India still has large surplus of sugar stocks around 11-12 million tonnes;

(c) if so, the extent to which it has affected Indian Sugar Industry; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the sugar stocks in the country?

## Answer

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(a): The data on Asian sugar prices is not maintained by the Government. However, the international prices of sugar, although generally low, have been fluctuating.

(b): The closing stock of sugar, at the close of 2000-2001 sugar season on 30th September, 2001, are provisionally estimated at over 103 lakh tonnes.

(c): Although the international prices of sugar have been generally low, the Indian Sugar Industry has been able to export sugar, estimated provisionally at 12.5 lakh tonnes in 2000-01 sugar season as per information provided by the trade circles.

(d): In order to clear the surplus stocks of sugar, the Government has decided to give boost to the export of sugar. For this purpose, the Government has taken the following measures:

- The quantitative restrictions on the export of sugar have been lifted.

- The requirement of registration with the Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Agency (APEDA) has been dispensed with.

- Sugar factories exporting sugar have been allowed exemption from levy on the quantity of sugar exported.

- The adjustment in freesale stocks of sugar factories exporting sugar, which was being made at the end of 12 months from the date of export, has been increased to 18 months.

- Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) benefit @ 5% on the f.o.b. value of exports has been allowed on export of sugar.